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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: HOP ACIDS AS AN ANTIMICROBIAL  
AGENT FOR USE IN FOOD PROCESSING  
FACILITY

Examiner: K. Joyner

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2006 ("the Action"), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks, together with a request for a one-month extension of time. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.